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Colombia press has carried full report Guatemala accusations alleged foreign inspired plot overthrow Arbenz government (Department circular telegram 283, February 1) and same time given ample space refutations by Washington, Managua, Dominican Republic and Salvador.

Has given similar treatment Guatemalan statements regarding expulsion United States journalists Gruson and Bannell and critical commentaries by United States and foreign papers, press association and political personalities, such as Mrs. Bolton.

Editorial expressions opinion limited, but consistently adverse to Guatemala. Thus, DIARIO DE COLOMBIA, pro-conservative organ, in editorial entitled (A Continental Danger) notes NEW YORK TIMES criticism violent repression Guatemala and states while up to each country resolve its problems accordance own laws, Guatemalan case "trespasses beyond its terrotorial limits" and discloses presence bold group international Communists in heart of America, as situation which cannot be viewed without alarm by remaining Republics.

In editorial February 3, DIARIO GRAFICO, Laureano Gomez organ, observes all persons now being persecuted in Guatemala known for anti-Communist ideology; Guatemala has followed tragic steps Soviet strategy by masking pro-Communism in cloak of nationalism, Guatemala shows "unmistakable tracks of Russian bear" and raises question whether USSR is attempting break hemispheric solidarity on eve Caracas Conference.

February 3 issue EL COLOMBIANO, conservative organ, Medellin states Guatemala is "wedge driven in an evil hour into organism of American democracy" travel Communist leaders palpable danger, false friendships and promises Communists will eventually convince Arbenz they are bad company, but perhaps too late.

None of editorials suggests any measures combat situation.

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